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SUBJ: PRESS TREATMENT OF TURKISH AIR SPACE ANNOUNCEMENT

REF ATHENS 5473

1. ATHENS PRESS REPORTED PROMINENTLY AUGUST 8 TURKISH
ASSERTION OF CONTROL OVER AIR SPACE OF EASTERN AEGEAN.
AKROPOLIS AND ELEFTHEROS COSMOS COVERED STORY WITH BLOCK
HEADLINES "TURKISH PROVOCATION IN AEGEAN AS GENEVA TALKS
BEGIN." TO VIMA REPORTED "MORE ARBITRARY ACTION OF
TURKEY," WHILE AVGHI ON FRONTPAGE WROTE "TURKEY CLAIMS
CONTROL OVER E. AEGEAN, NEW PLAN OF EXPANSION BY
ANKARA SHARPENS CRISIS."

2. NEWS ARTICLES REPORTED THAT GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY
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ANNOUNCED AUGUST 7 TURKISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

HAD ISSUED NOTICE REQUIRING ALL AIRCRAFT OVERFLYING EASTERN AEGEAN TO REPORT FLIGHTS TO TURKISH AIR-TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER. PRESS QUOTED MFA AS DESCRIBING TURKISH ACTION AS ARBITRARY AND IN CONTRAVENTION OF EXISTING CONVENTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL. MFA REPORTEDLY INDICATED GOG HAS BROUGHT MATTER TO ATTENTION OF INTERESTED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT "IN CASE FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE FLIGHT SAFETY, GREECE RESERVES RIGHT TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR OBSERVANCE OF ESTABLISHED RULES OF AIR TRAFFIC WITHIN AIR SPACE CONTROLLED BY IT UNDER INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS".

3. COUNSELOR NETHERLANDS EMBASSY TOLD EMBOFFS THAT TURKISH EMBASSY HERE CLAIMS TO HAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS ACTION AND HAD QUERIED ANKARA SINCE TURKISH EMBASSY RECEIVING NUMEROUS INQUIRIES. TASCA UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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